

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2335
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CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE FOR TRAINING IN WATERSHED
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have constituted any committee to identify the needs for training in watershed programme;
(b) if so, the recommendations made by the Committee; and
(c) action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir. A Committee on Training under chairmanship of Shri V.B. Eswaran was constituted in February 1997, which had submitted its report in December 1997.

(b)&(c) The Recommendations of the Committee were accepted by the Government. A Statement showing the major recommendations and the action taken thereon is annexed.

Annexure

Statement showing the major recommendations of the Eswaran Committee on Training and action taken thereon by the Government :

S.No. Recommendations Action Taken By Government

- At least one-third of women Common Guidelines for Watershed be the members of Watershed Development Projects under Committee and there should at Integrated Watershed Development least be a woman member in the Scheme (INDR), Brought From Watershed Development Team (WOT), Area Programme Scheme (DAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) have been amended suitably so as to have one-third women members to represent different user groups, self-help groups and women groups and to have a woman member in the WOT.
- The period of implementation The Common Guidelines for of the project may be increased Watershed Development Projects from 4 to 5 years. amended suitably to provide for raising the duration of the project from four to five years.
- An institutional mechanism be The States were requested to developed for providing training identify suitable institutions to different levels of function- preferably SIRRs for imparting naries at the micro-watershed training to watershed level such as members of Gram functionaries and requested to Panchayat, Village level launch massive training Government functionaries, self- programme to train the faculty help groups, women, watershed members of State level associations, members of institutions at the National watershed committees, watershed level institutions such as secretary who may be provided NIRD, WARD, CWCRT, Bahadur training for a few hours to a etc. week's duration. In addition, Project Implementing Agencies, Watershed Development Team, Block and District level Officers, Members of Block Panchayat and Zilla Parishad should also be provided training. For State level functionaries, workshop/ training-cum-awareness generation programmes should be organised. The SIRRs or other institutions nominated as nodal agency should coordinate the training activities. A massive training programme to train faculty members be organised by National level training institutions such as NIRD, MMACE etc.
- SIRRs/ETCs be provided financial Guidelines have been formulated assistance for developing training By the Government to provide aids, training materials, financial assistance to State preparation of case studies etc. Institutes of Rural Development or nodal agencies for imparting training to different watershed functionaries and for acquiring teaching aid equipments.
- A National Standing Committee for A National Standing Committee Watershed Development be set up for Watershed Development to review the progress and headed by Deputy Chairman, analyse the experience in the Planning Commission with field with the view to make Ministers of Rural Development, suggestions on the various Agriculture, Environment & aspects of the programme Forests and Member including training, Agriculture), Planning Commission and nine officials of different Ministries connected with Watershed Development Projects has been constituted on 9.8.1999 to review the progress of Watershed Development Schemes.
- Each State Government should States were requested to prepare State Action Plan for formulate a State Action Watershed Development Incorporate Plan for Watershed Development rating a component for training including training to be activities. imparted to various categories of functionaries involved in the Watershed Development Programmes.